[*English*]

Import Licences for Photo Type Set Units.

*721. SHRI KIRIP CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently issued some firms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the photo type-set units have since been sold out or given to others by these firms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE: (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d). During 1990-91 and 1991-92 (till 25th August, 1991) no licence for import of Photo type-set units has been issued by the Office of CCI&E.

Monitoring of Flow of Credit to Minority Communities

*722. DR. A.K.PATEL:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instructions have been issued to the Regional Rural Banks to monitor the flow of credit to minority communities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the procedure to be followed to identify the minority communities for monitoring the flow of credit to them;

(d) the names of the minority communities identified; and

(e) the details of credit given to them during 1990-91 and April-June, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE: (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e). National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have issued instructions to all Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) to monitor the progress of financial assistance to minority communities. The basic purpose of monitoring the flow of bank credit to members of these communities under various segments of priority sector and that the members of these communities derive the benefit of the different Government sponsored schemes/ programmes in a larger degree.

The commercial banks including RRBs have been instructed by RBI and NABARD to informally ascertain the religion of the borrower during the pre-sanction scrutiny. If the borrower belongs to one of the specified minority communities, necessary remarks are made by the branch officials in the loan applications and other records in order to facilitate compilation of progress reports. The communities which are included in the banks' progress report their advances for minority communities are Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, Zoroastrians and Neo-Buddhists.

The community-wise progress made (in terms of out-standings) upto March 31st, 1991 (Latest available) in the disbursement of credit by RRBs as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Community	*Accounts*	*Amount*
1	*2*	*3*
Sikhs	29746	1473